

Penalty Point Sanction Policy

I. Purpose of Policy

A. The purpose and intent of the Penalty Point Sanction policy is to effectively address any inappropriate or prohibited behavior, exhibited by Region club personnel, i.e. club directors, head coaches, assistant coaches, players, bench personnel and parent(s), as well as non-Region members, i.e. spectators and parents, which is directed to any court official or tournament personnel, during the match or after the match has ended.

1. Any comments made or actions displayed prohibited by Region Code of Conduct policy or deemed contrary to normally accepted behavior, and is subsequently interpreted as rude, disrespectful, or profane, is subject to the penalties outlined in this policy.
 - a) Sanction for inappropriate behavior during the course of the match will continue to adhere to the sanction policies and procedures set by the Domestic Competition Rules (DCR).
 - b) In addition to DCR sanction(s), the Penalty Point Sanction policy applies to any situation, where inappropriate behavior occurs and the court referee(s), Lead Official(s) or Site Director recognizes the need for additional sanction. This sanction policy can be utilized during the match, between sets, after the match or when applicable DCR sanctions are no longer in effect.

II. Application of Policy

A. In the event of any incident involving court official(s) and club personnel, spectator(s) or parent(s) during a match, and inappropriate behavior is displayed, the official involved will immediately stop the match, contact the Lead Official(s) and the Site Director to report the incident.

B. In the event of any incident involving court official(s) and club personnel, spectator(s) or parent(s) after a match, and inappropriate behavior is displayed, the official involved will immediately contact the Lead Official(s) and the Site Director to report the incident.

C. In the event of any incident involving spectator(s) and/or parents, during a match, and inappropriate behavior is displayed, the First Referee of the match will immediately stop the match, contact the Head Coach of the team which the spectator or parent is associated with and advise the coach to intervene and warn those involved.

1. If the Head Coach intervenes and the situation is handled expeditiously, the Penalty Point Sanction policy need not be utilized.
 - a) If the Head Coach refuses to intervene, or if the spectator/parent refuses to comply, the Penalty Point Sanction will then be into effect and the associated team will be sanctioned and the opposing team awarded penalty points(s).
 - b) Any refusal to comply by spectator(s) and/or parent(s) will result in immediate ejection from the playing facility, and if the ejection is refused, law enforcement will be notified.

D. The Lead Official(s) and Site Director will promptly respond, ascertain the facts, identify the involved individual(s) and affiliated team, and determine the applicability of the Penalty Point sanction.

E. Both the Lead Official(s) and Site Director will confer, determine culpability of the offender and the affiliated team, assess the amount of penalty points in the sanction, by awarding those points to the opposing team, which will range from one (1) point, up to five (5) points, depending upon the severity of the comment or behavior.

1. If the incident/violation occurs after the offending team's last match of the day, the Site Director will assess the Penalty Point sanction to that team, which will carry over to the first match of their next tournament date.

III. Duties and responsibilities of the Court Official(s)

- A. The following information will be reported verbally to the Lead official and Site Director, in a concise manner:
1. What specific behavior was exhibited
 2. When the incident occurred
 3. Names of person(s) involved
- B. After verbally reporting, the court official(s) will complete a Match Comment Form, and submit it to the Site Director before leaving the premises.

IV. Duties and responsibilities of the Lead Official(s)

- A. If available, the Lead Official will respond promptly with the Site Director, ascertain facts, identify parties involved, determine if the Penalty Point sanction applies, and assess the amount of penalty points.
1. If not available and on referee assignment, stop match at an appropriate interval.
- B. Contact the coach of the reffing team, assess the penalty points, and verify the correct application of points on the match scoresheet.
- C. If time permitting, monitor the court for additional violations or re-occurrences.
- D. Review the Match Comment Form by the court official, and submit a written report on the back of the Match Comment Form (space permitting).
- E. Assist the Site Director with any facility ejection(s) per Region policy on Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct violation(s).

V. Duties and responsibilities of the Site Director

- A. The Site Director will respond promptly with the Lead Official, ascertain facts, identify parties involved, determine if the Penalty Point sanction applies, and assess the amount of penalty points.
- B. Verify the correct application of points on the match scoresheet
- C. Monitor the court for additional violations or re-occurrences.
- D. Review the Match Comment Form by the court and Lead official, and submit a written report on the back of the Match Comment Form (space permitting).
1. If a Penalty Point sanction is assessed on a team's last match of the day, the Region Office will be notified of the sanction by phone or by email, so that the penalty points

may be relayed to the Site Director of the offending team's next tournament.

- D. Determine need for any facility ejection(s) per Region policy on Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct violation(s).
- F. For any refusal to leave premises on an ejection, contact appropriate law enforcement agency.